



CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF CHICAGO

February 21, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Matt Chapman
Muck Rock News
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FOIA RESPONSE: 190630

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Thank you for writing to the Chicago Fire Department with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On January 25, 2019 the attached request was received. The CFD sought an extension on February 1, 2019, February 8, 2019 and is now responding to your request. In your request, you sought the following:

A copy of the all past and current employees and contractors employed by this department. At least, but not limited to, 5 years worth of records, name, e-mail address, title, name of immediate superior, e-mail address of immediate superior, direct reports (if applicable).

Your request has been granted in part. Please find the enclosed documents responsive to your request. Please note that there are no records that would include all direct reports and e-mail addresses as requested. Please be advised that FOIA requires the City to produce **documents**. See 5 ILCS 140/3(a) ("Each public body shall make available all public records, except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this Act.") **FOIA does not require the public body to provide answers to questions or create documents.** The FOIA 5 ILCS 140/3.3 provides that FOIA "is not intended to compel public bodies to interpret or advise requesters as to the meaning or significance of public records. The Court, in Kenyon v. Garrels, 184 Ill. App. 3rd 28 (4th Dist. 1989) noted that FOIA "does not compel the agency to provide answers to questions posed by the inquirer." If you wish to obtain **documents** from this department, please submit a request for specific documents in accordance with FOIA.

In regards to your request for all contractors, please be advised, each City Department is a "public body" under Section 2 of FOIA, 5ILCS 140/2(a). See Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784,709 N.E. 2d 1281, 1286 (1st District. 1999) ("Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are 'public bodies' as defined by the FOIA.") A FOIA request must be directed to the department that maintains the record you are seeking. As a result, we will be unable to accommodate your request as the Chicago Fire Department is not the keeper of the requested documents.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Linzy

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Chicago Department Of Fire
FOIA Office
3510 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

January 25, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

A copy of the following records for all past and current employees and contractors employed by this department. Please provide at least, but not limited to, 5 years worth of records.

Name
Email address
Title
Name of immediate superior
Email address of immediate superior
Direct reports (if applicable)

These records will be used to associate against a set of records of all employees provided by the Department of Innovation and Technology. As such, should any of the requested records be unavailable, please let me know at your earliest.

I request that the file format be an excel file.

Admin
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Important note: This request has been sent to all 34 Chicago departments listed on Chicago's website. Neither the Department of Innovation and Technology nor the Department of Human Resources maintain information WRT immediate superiors, and so a request to all departments is necessary. If there are any

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Relevant text from similar request to the DoHR:

"Concerning your request for manager, direct reports, and email addresses, please note that each City department is a "public body" under Section 2 of FOIA, 5ILCS 140/2(a). See *Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago*, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784, 709 N.E.2d 1281, 1286 (1st Dist. 1999) ("Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are 'public bodies' as defined by the FOIA.") A FOIA request must be directed to the department that maintains the records you ~~are seeking~~. The Department of Human Resources does not have documents responsive to those portions of your request."

The records responsive to this request are invaluable for understanding the underlying structure of the City of Chicago and its internal operation. As a result, the public's interest for this information far outweighs any burden and associated costs.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Matt Chapman
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Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/accounts/agency_login/chicago-department-of-fire-15104/records-of-employees-and-related-managerial-info-68129/?uuid-login=77faf512-fe72-40f0-a2a2-f384519e7d3f&email=CFDfoia%40cityofchicago.org#agency-reply

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CITY OF CHICAGO

February 1, 2019

VIA EMAIL

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CFD FOIA REQUEST: 190630

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Department of Fire, I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests received in our offices on January 25, 2019. At this time, I am seeking an extension of 5 additional working days to respond to the requests for one or more of the following reasons identified in 5 ILCS 140/3(e) of FOIA:

- () the requested records are stored in whole or in part at other locations than the office having charge of the requested records;
- () the request requires the collection of a substantial number of specified records;
- () the request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for the records responsive to it;
- () the requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them;
- () the requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of the FOIA or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions;
- () the request for records cannot be complied with by the public body within the time limits prescribed by 5 ILCS 140/3(d) without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the public body;
- (X) there is need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Linzy

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Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Records of employees and related managerial info

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Mr. Chapman,

Please allow some additional time on your request.

Thank you,
Cynthia Linzy

From: 68129-60765980@requests.muckrock.com <68129-60765980@requests.muckrock.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:09 PM

To: CFDFOIA

Subject: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Records of employees and related managerial info

Chicago Department Of Fire

FOIA Office

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Chicago, IL 60653

January 25, 2019

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